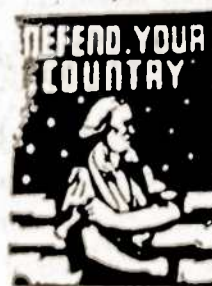




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Lost Library Books Wanted At Dickinson Can You Locate Any

On a bookplate of a local citizen, may be found these words: "A few of my friends are mathematicians, but they are all good book-keepers". This is so applicable in many situations where friends borrow their neighbors books and almost forget to return them. Now it seems that even our Dickinson Library reports several books lost in the shuffle within the past year and the Librarian is anxious to have these books returned to their proper place on the shelves, in order that others may borrow them. If these books are returned immediately, no fines will be imposed. Now please, want you all, young and old, look over your books at home and see if you can find these particular volumes.

In Search of Scotland by Morton; Story of a Bad Boy by Aldrich; Peggy Covers Washington by Bugbee; Peter Cottontail by Burgess; Adventures of Pinocchio by Collodi; The Citadel by Cronin; Radio Boys with the Iceberg Patrol by Chapman; Sky Pilot by Connor; Short Stories by Daudet; Kitten Kat by Dearborn; Disputed Passage by Douglas; Jamaica Inn by DuMaurier; I Must Ride Alone by Gregory; Prodigal Girl by Hill; Crippled Splendor by John; Wagon and Star by Larimore; There was No Heroes by Ogden; Wind Blows West by Parmenter; Cradle of Life by Adams; Doctors On Horseback by Flexner; The Country Kitchen by Lutes; Honest Abe by Rothschild; The Fathers by Tate; and Shakespeares England, in three volumes.

These "forgotten" books are in the hands of good "book-keepers" and it is urgent that all patrons of the library inaugurate a hunt and see if they can be found. Get them back to the Librarian at Dickinson library and remember they will be no fines.

Want All Old Plates Legion To Collect

Because the government wants all the old auto plates when they have been discarded, Commander F. W. Whitman of the local post of the American Legion makes a request of our motorists and other friends to make a contribution of them for scrap steel to be used in the national defense. Plates may be left at any garage where they will be collected or at Farnums in West Northfield, Buffums in East Northfield, or at Tenneys at the Farms where boxes will be provided. Everybody contribute and make a success of the local collection.

Vernon Dam Guarded

Vernon dam of the Connecticut River Power Co. is now being fully guarded with police. These men are from both Vermont and New Hampshire and authority has been granted, by both states to all guards with full police power. These guards all took their oaths in each state. For some time the power plant on the Vernon side has been fenced in with a high wire fence and protective wires. Strangers are not wanted about the premises now nor about the dam on either side.

Emergency May Demand Air Raid Precautions Says Fire Chief Ferris

"We may never witness an air raid" said Fire Chief Herbert Ferris of Greenfield at the largely attended meeting held under the auspices of the local Defense committee at the Town hall last Friday evening, but he continued "that we should be fully prepared for the emergency should it come". He then went on to give full and complete information after being introduced by Chairman George McEwan of the committee.

There are many steps that can be taken about the home and premises of our citizens, in stores and industrial establishments that will be of aid to our people and minimize the results of an air raid, which is to be feared more than anything else. It is quite necessary that all our citizens co-operate in the defense measures and that they possess all the necessary information regarding their conduct and behaviour. All civilians should be enrolled in the protection army. Everyone should know how to handle any kind of a bomb, what to do in case fire results, and how to act when first aid is necessary.

It is important to know just what steps are important in the care of human life and how to act. Keep cool and don't get excited and contain yourself. Pails of water, of sand and an ax, shovel, hoe, rakes etc. should always be kept handy. In case of an ordered blackout, it is well for our citizens to understand the siren signals, and to be ready to darken their windows without any light in evidence.

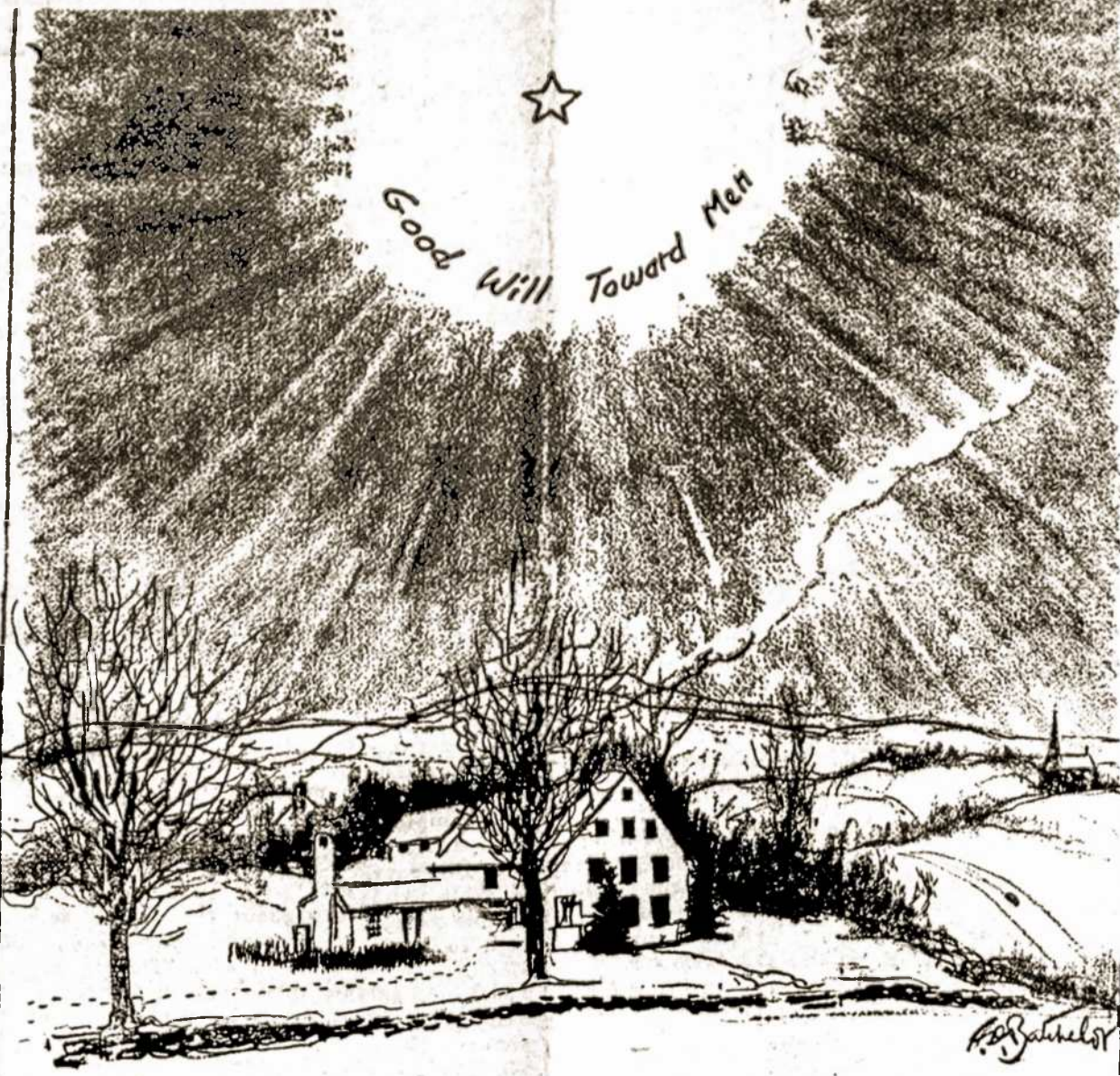
There is much to know how to be a good civilian in matters of defense. Many first aid classes have been held here with satisfaction and other classes are being arranged. The Press will announce all details of the events arranged by the local defense committee as soon as they are formulated. The attendance at last Fridays meeting is evidence that our citizens are interested.

Many Scan The Skies

If any proof is needed of the patriotism of our citizens, it is only necessary to state that when the local civilian defense committee, needed air watchers for "enemy planes," some 204 persons have responded for the volunteer service under the direction of the air-warden, Captain William Marshall. The air watch began on December 8th and has been continued every day and night since that date. This is a fine record. The lookout is on the grounds of the Seminary, at the flag pole and a small cabin has been erected there, with heat provided. Several watchers spotted airplanes and relayed the information.

Unitarian Services

Next Sunday morning at the usual time, the morning service will be conducted by the minister, Rev. Arthur Heeb with sermon on "Life As An Apprenticeship" a New Years theme of prospect and retrospect. Mrs. Goodspeed will preside at the organ. The Church School will be led by Ernest Kenney and Winona Robinson will have charge of the Music.



Leaves Northfield After A Long Service

Miss Blanche Corser, night operator at the local exchange of the New England Telephone Company, who has rendered most efficient service for many years and will soon be retired, has been transferred to the same line of duty at Lenox, as of January 7th. Miss Corser has already visited Lenox and selected a home which will have facilities for caring for her horse and beautiful dog. Mrs. C. Bassett of Turners Falls has been transferred to fill the vacancy here, until the community goes on the dial system early in the month of February.

Many Attend Pageant At Unitarian Church

There was a large attendance at the Unitarian church, Sunday evening, for the Christmas pageant presented by members of the church school and of the parish. Christmas carols were sung by a choir consisting of Mrs. Grace Heald, Mrs. Joseph Morgan, Mrs. Donald Williams, Miss Winona Robinson, Miss Arline Dunnell, Robert Taylor, George Leonard, Charles Lawrence and Dr. Allen H. Wright. Rev. Arthur Heeb directed the Bible reading. Among those taking part were Barbara Taylor, Ruth Avery, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cobb, Dean Williams, James Spaulding, Ernest Kenney, Robert Miller, Flood Dunnell, Marion Kenney, Betty Taylor, Marion Avery, Esther Williams, Carolyn Miller, David Quinn, James and Edmund Morgan, David DWright, Clarence Lawrence, and Harlan Randall, Calvin Kenney, Dorothy Miller.

The attention of those who enjoyed this religious service is called to the translations of Biblical passages used. George M. Lamsa's version a translation from the Aramaic was used for the most part. This Lamsa version is based on the original language, that Jesus used. This version, sometimes called the Eastern Version gives a distinctly eastern background to some of the passages of the New Testament.

Mr. Heeb wishes to thank all who so kindly assisted in making the pageant an impressive service. Mrs. Frank Montague, costumes, Miss Bessie Conklin, decorations, Frank Silvester, stage, Dean Williams, tableau, Mrs. Nella Sauter, costumes, William Nelson and Mark Barkan of the Hostel, guards.

Town Budgets Due

According to the requirements of the state, every official and department of the town, that has an appropriation and makes expenditures during the year, must submit to the Selectmen for a study by the Town Finance committee a budget for their requirements for the coming year at least ten days before the close of the year. Usually the school committee have promptly met the conditions as well as some other boards, but now the state demands that complete action be taken by all concerned. It is said that the Selectmen have already called a meeting of the Finance committee.

Greetings To Friends From The Kirmanns

From Evanston, Illinois, where Mr. and Mrs. Ernest N. Kirmann are located, during his leave from the faculty of the Northfield schools, are sent their greetings at this Christmas season to all friends. In a letter to the Editor, Mr. Kirmann writes as follows, which will be of interest: "Here in the Middle West it's almost a miracle that has happened. When we came here last summer we almost despaired at the rock-bound isolationism and utter lack of understanding of the world situation. But now it is as though someone had taken a sponge and erased a blackboard. It's gone. The reports on the radio actually begin now with the world news instead of with the farm items and weather report.

Mrs. Kirmann has been engaged all fall in teaching a Red Cross classes in Home Hygiene but this week everything down at Red Cross Headquarters shifted into high gear so that they had to place enrollment booths into the lobby of the ten story building which it occupies here in Chicago. Now they are even talking of starting new First Aid classes before the holidays. At least Mrs. Kirmann has been asked to hold herself in readiness for such work."

Congregational Church Important Items

The services on Sunday and other engagements are as follows: On Sunday the Sunday School will meet at 10 a. m. Morning Worship will be held at 11 a. m., with a sermon by Rev. Mr. Dahl. The Christian Endeavor meets at 6:30, and will be led by Carlton Finch. Evening service will be conducted by Mr. Dahl at 7:30 and the Young People's Forum will meet at 8:15.

On Wednesday evening, a New Year's Eve Watch Night Service will be held in the Vestry at 11 p. m., following the entertainment in the town hall. Mr. Lawrence will be in charge of the music, and Mr. Dahl will bring a brief message appropriate to the occasion. All are invited.

On Thursday next, the Sewing Society will hold its all day meeting beginning at ten in the morning, with lunch at noon.

Prayer meeting will be omitted this week, with the watch night service taking its place.

Town Closes Its Books And Ready For Audit

All accounts of the town must be completed and ready for audit the last day of this month. The selectmen have already given legal notice of the last day for outstanding bills and the books will be balanced. It is expected that the state auditors who will examine accounts will arrive in Northfield immediately after January first, and every department and official who have a financial report to render should have it ready. The taxpayers will be interested to learn where economies have prevailed.

Buy Savings Bonds and Stamps Now

Chairman Frank W. Pearsall of the local Savings Committee for Defense says that U. S. Defense Savings Bonds, Series E, give a higher return, mature sooner, and are available in smaller denominations than Series F and G bonds, intended for larger investors.

Amount	Amount
You Pay Now	You Receive
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You can buy bonds as well as Defense Savings Stamps of all denominations at your post office, where already a large number of the residents of this town have made purchases.

Garden Club Books At Dickinson Library Are In Circulation

The Northfield Garden Club planned well a few years ago when it established a Garden Library and made the appointment of a committee a permanent matter with yearly appropriations. With suggestions from Garden Clubs of large centers who feature libraries, the Northfield Club former committees secured much valuable information and the collection of various books was started. The books were placed in Dickinson Library and used for the advantage of club members, but now upon vote, the privilege of using the books was granted to all patrons of Dickinson Library. The present library committee of the Garden Club consists of Miss Elizabeth Braley, Miss Maud Hamilton and Mrs. Lawrence Lozelle.

The following are the books thus far acquired:—Garden Encyclopedia, Seymour. Birds of the Wild, Pellet. Book of Trees, Hottes. Book of Perennials, Hottes. Book of Annuals, Hottes. Garden Guide, by experts each in their line. Pioneering with Wild Flowers, Aiken.

Flowers of the Wild, Pellet. Common Sense in the Rock Garden, Bissland. Gardens in Glass, Andrews. Arranging Flowers, Watson. Do You Know Your Garden, Goshorn. Grow Them Indoors, Wood. Garden in Colors, Wilder. Garden Magic, Biles. Flowers: Their Arrangement, Conway.

1001 Garden Questions Answered, Hottes. The following magazines subscribed for by the Garden Club also and may be found on the Library table:—The Flower Grower; The Home Gardener's Magazine.

Dance At Town Hall Given By Girl Scouts

The Girl Scouts of this town, through their Council have arranged for a dance at the Town Hall next Monday evening. They will present a one-act play at eight o'clock and dancing will begin at 8:30 with music by the "Music Men" from the Latchis Theatre of Brattleboro. There will be round dances and square dances and all who attend are promised a most enjoyable evening. Everybody is welcome.

Fred B. Dole Is Registrar of Deeds

Fred B. Dole of Shelburne Falls, who is our representative from the Franklin district (first) in the state legislature, has been named as Registrar of Deeds, to succeed William Blake Allen who retires on January 1. The appointment was made by the County Commissioners to fill the vacancy until the next election in September when the voters will decide in an election upon a candidate to fill the unexpired four years to which Mr. Allen had previously been chosen. The naming of Mr. Dole was an appreciation of his long political service to the people of Franklin county.

Home Nursing Class

Dr. Allen H. Wright as the medical director of the local defense committee announces that a home nursing class will begin at the Town hall on Tuesday evening January 6 and be in session from 2 to 4 o'clock.

Men are not barred from this class, but it is not so practical for them as the First Aid of the Red Cross. There is some difference between the Red Cross and the Home Nursing class, but both are necessary and valuable to anyone, with our country at war.

All interested please register with Mrs. Emory Rikert of East Northfield, who will teach the class assisted by Miss Purrington and Mrs. Lilly.

Greenfield Police May Serve Here

In compliance with recent legislative action and upon the recommendation of the Massachusetts emergency commission, the selectmen of Greenfield have voted unanimously to permit members of their police force to perform duties in any other town of the county whenever their assistance is sought. Selectmen can henceforth take such action without vote or instruction from the town and assistance when required must be upon the demand of the selectmen of the neighboring town.

Schools Will Present Iolanthe An Operetta By Gilbert-Sullivan

"Iolanthe" well known operetta by Gilbert and Sullivan will be presented as the annual commencement concert by the students of Mount Hermon school and the Seminary this season. With the beginning of the school year after the Christmas vacation preparation will begin and the directors of the presentation will be Melvin L. Gallagher, Thomas Donovan and Paul S. Ivory assisted by others.

The presentation will be the result of the combined efforts of the music department of both schools and will be presented in the large auditorium on the seminary campus. The operetta will be given by the Mount Hermon Glee Club and a similar group at the Seminary, while the combined classical orchestra will furnish the accompaniment, and the Art and Dramatic Clubs will see to the scenery and lighting.

This is the second Gilbert and Sullivan operetta to be given by the schools. The first, the "Mikado" was given three years ago with great success. Since that time the interest in the choral groups has grown; so that now the Glee club feels capable of undertaking the most difficult of the operettas with reasonable assurance for success.

The public will cordially respond to this preliminary announcement and give it every support.

Soldiers Are Here For Special Service

It will be a surprise to many to learn that soldiers of Uncle Sam's army are stationed here for service, but it is a fact. The big Vernon dam which generates so much electricity to keep factories going and the bridges which carry the trains loaded with the necessities of war, must be kept under close supervision, and now since the war maneuvers are over in the south, regiments are assigned to war service. A platoon of southern colored troops, have been sent into this district and they are now quartered in the town of Vernon, in a house located near the dam. The cold weather is very trying to these southern boys, who are enduring it as best they can. To make their experience pleasant, already a group of folks led by Mrs. Ellis E. Jones are striving to provide and the editor of the Press is requested to ask for a used or old radio for their use. If you have one that will work do inform Mrs. Jones or Mr. Hoehn at once. Representing the Red Cross and the Salvation Army, Sam E. Walker visited the camp on Wednesday and with Mrs. Jones will provide some Christmas cheer, on the holiday. Good books and modern magazines are needed and if you can spare them, your gift will be appreciated. Let us all try to make the wearer of the uniform in Uncle Sam's service contented and happy while in our midst.

Fortnightly Women Hear A Writer Speak

There was a large attendance of members and guests at the meeting of the Fortnightly in Alexander hall last Friday afternoon, when the speaker was Mrs. Edith Abercrombie Snow of Worcester, well known writer and journalist, who had as her subject "Women's World." Miss Gloria Savcheff rendered two violin solos with her sister as accompanist at the piano. The offering was for the benefit of the local Health council.

Tea was served and the hostesses were Mrs. Walter Hyde, Mrs. Roy J. Fish and Mrs. Frank W. Pearsall. The next meeting of the Fortnightly will be on Friday evening, January 9th at eight o'clock at Alexander Hall and will be "gentlemen's night" when a speaker will be presented representing the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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PRESS CLASSIFIED ADS BRING RESULTS



Here's a tip for harried mothers who find it difficult to get excited youngsters away from their gifts long enough for breakfast on Christmas morning. Instead of dragging the children away from their presents, serve tall glasses filled with Christmas punch from a tray in the living room.

The recipe goes like this: For each serving, beat one raw egg until thick and lemon colored, add one tablespoon sugar and a drop of mint extract, continue beating until sugar is dissolved. Pour into a very tall glass and add one cup canned unsweetened Hawaiian pineapple juice. Stir and serve at once with crisp, hot, buttered slices of whole wheat toast.

Then sit back and relax because, nutritionally speaking, one glass of Christmas punch is well-fortified with minerals, protein, and vitamins and makes a fine foundation for an active day. Canned unsweetened Hawaiian pineapple juice is a good source of vitamins B₁ and C, and an egg supplies protein, minerals, and vitamins A, B₁, and B₂.

You can take time out to open Christmas gifts with the family, even if you're chief cook, if you take advantage of quick-frozen foods, for they are ready to cook or serve just as they come from their cartons.

Peas and Carrots

Drop 1 box (11 ounces) quick-frozen peas and carrots into ½ cup briskly boiling salted water, bring again to a boil and boil 5 to 7 minutes, until just tender. Drain if necessary. Season with butter, salt, and pepper. Serve 4. (Use any liquid left after cooking in sauce, soup, or for other suitable dishes.)

Serving suggestions: Quick-frozen peas and carrots may be served with butter or cream, or with a cream sauce; or they may be served in creamed dishes with eggs, mushrooms, or chicken, or combined with other vegetables and with meats, fish, and eggs in salads.

Orange Cranberry Relish Sliced

3 oranges

1 lemon

2 apples

1 pound (4 cups) fresh cranberries

¼ cup sugar

Quarter cup sugar

and apples, remove seeds and cores and put through food chopper. Put cranberries through food chopper. Combine, add sugar and blend. Let stand a few hours. Use as a relish with meats, hot or cold.

Limas Manhattan
1 cup cooked, drained Limas
1 medium onion, sliced
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon paprika
¼ teaspoon mustard
1 cup sliced salt pork
1 cup milk

Mix ingredients in order given and turn into a buttered dish and bake 1 hour in a moderate oven, (350° F.).

All American Cheese That Helps In Holiday Entertaining

Whether your holiday plans call for a party or not, you'll want to be prepared for informal entertaining. A stock of assorted dessert cheeses with "made-in-America" labels is a smart and thrifty way to guarantee effortless hospitality on a "help yourself" basis, no matter how many friends may drop in. In spite of the emergency, you'll find an abundant stock of Camembert, Swiss, Brie and Limas cheese this season. Blue cheese has been recently perfected in this country to take the place of Roquefort supplies which were blockaded have cut off, and the cocktail cheese spreads include a Blue cheese as well as sharp American, Limburger, pine-apple, pimento and relish.

If you serve a decaffeinated coffee brew at your Christmas celebration everybody can linger over coveted second cups without worrying over sleeping problems. Here's one combining coffee and chocolate flavors.

Party Mocha
3 cups hot chocolate
1 cup strong decaffeinated coffee
4 tablespoons whipped cream

Combine chocolate and coffee and mix well. Top each cup with whipped cream. Serve 4. Remember that decaffeinated coffee, made by pot or percolator, needs slightly longer brewing to bring out its full flavor.

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before can be sure of scoring a hit

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crunchy cookies made by a magically

failure-proof recipe with sweetened

condensed milk when she packs a gift

box for boys in the service.

West Northfield and
South Vernon

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Rich have moved to Pepperell to be near Fort Devens, where Mr. Rich is employed as a senior carpenter. They will be missed from this community.

E. W. Dunklee has been elected President of the Greenfield branch of the New England Milk producers association.

The U. S. Civil Service has announced an examination for candidates for the position of fourth class postmaster at Vernon to fill a contemplated vacancy.

Christmas tree exercises of the Sunday school of the Vernon Union church were held Monday evening. Oranges and candy were given to every child attending. A pageant was a part of the program.

A first aid course is being arranged to be held in Vernon and about 50 persons have indicated they will attend. Anyone in South Vernon or West Northfield may enroll by calling Mrs. R. Edgar Bruce the defense chairman or Mrs. Warren Dunklee of the Red Cross.

Mrs. Francena H. Steenbruggen, 70 of South Vernon died last Sunday afternoon at the Brattleboro Memorial hospital, where she had undergone an operation. She seemed to be recovering and expected an early return to her home when death came suddenly. For several years she had kept house for her son, Richard, at his home off the Huckle Hill road. The funeral was held at Kidders Funeral parlor on Tuesday afternoon. She is survived by nine children. Her husband died 36 years ago.

Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Simonds who are living at the Vernon Home, have a son Ransom, who is in the service at Pearl Harbor, and from whom they are expecting some word soon.

The next meeting of the Men's Card Club has been postponed to Dec. 30, at Philip Holton's.

There will be a Watch Night Service Wednesday evening at the South Vernon church from 8 to 12.

The Friendship Club held election of officers at their meeting Thursday evening. Mrs. Georgia Holton was elected president; Mrs. Dorothy Hilliard vice president; Mrs. Mattie Farnum secretary and treasurer. Mrs. Georgia Holton was given a birthday cake, made by Mrs. Doris Bolton. Christmas gifts were exchanged. The next meeting will be Thursday afternoon, Jan 1st, with Mrs. Doris Bolton.

There will be a social hour, a speaker, music and testimonies. Invitations have been sent the churches of Vernon, East Northfield and Gill.

Services will be held as usual next Sunday at South Advent church.

"Women are rivals when it comes to clothes."

"Yes," they're always trying to outstrip one another."

Merry
Christmas
from
Betty Barclay

TOWN TOPICS

Miss Naomi B. Rikert, who is a student in the Katharine Gibbs School in New York City, is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Rikert, of Mount Hermon.

A new student at Mount Hermon school is George Chen of Shanghai, China. He arrived on December 9 after a long voyage on the U. S. President Coolidge across the Pacific and will join the class of 1944.

John E. Phelps who is with the army at Camp Edwards and now a Sergeant, spent a short leave here with his family.

Mount Hermon school has issued a new catalog, just off the press. Parents and friends can have a copy by applying at the administration office in Holbrook Hall. It contains much valuable information regarding course of study and of student life.

The residents of Northfield Farms enjoyed a Christmas tree party at No. 4 school house Monday evening. The committee in charge of the program were Mrs. Richard Clough, Mrs. Malcolm Billings and Mrs. Ernest Parker.

Grace F. Tenney has taken over the Tenney Farms milk and cream business for Northfield and continues the regular delivery service. She is using a new and attractive type of bottle.

A deed has been filed at the Registry, transferring land and buildings on Main street in this town from Marjorie Bittinger Von Hofen of Northampton, Arlene Bittinger Shepard of Cleveland and Marion C. Bittinger of Bristol to Lillian G. Wells. Also a deed to land on Maple Street from Henry W. Russell to Eddie A. Bigelow.

In Probate court last week, administration was given on the estate of the late George Leroy Gibson of West Northfield to Ralph V. Gibson.

Lawrence E. Ferris of this town has been granted a divorce with custody of a minor child from Dorothy Eleanor Wright Ferris now of Stony Bottom, W. Va., also Elizabeth D. Hurt of this town was granted a divorce from John R. Hurt of this town. Mrs. Hurt was given custody of the minor children and obtained an order for their support.

Edith Swartout of Brattleboro is named executrix of the will of the late Katherine F. Grady formerly of this town, which has been filed in Probate court. The will names eight beneficiaries who will share equally in the estate and they include Edith and Emma Swartout of Brattleboro, Ida and Lura Robertson of Brooklyn, Laura Galey and Alice Hamblin of New York, Betty Manning of Plainfield, N. J., and Mrs. James Allardice of Pasadena, Calif.

The Northfield Grange enjoyed its Christmas party at the Grange hall on Tuesday evening with a goodly attendance and a most interesting program.

Northfield's bowling team by defeating the Coleman's Builders team in the county league last week went to second position in the league. They might win first place by another win this week.

It is said that 1,236,522 cars were registered in the state during 1941 and established a record high. The figure included all types of cars. No figures are yet available as to the total number registered and taxed within Northfield.

Miss Ruth McEwan is spending the Christmas vacation from her studies at Wellesley college, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George McEwan.

PRESS ADS — NONE BETTER

4-H RECORD GIRL



NAMED by the State Club Office as Massachusetts' outstanding girl in "all-around" 4-H homemaking projects for 1941, Arlene Martin, 18, of Framingham, received an all-expense trip to the 26th National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago Nov. 28-Dec. 6. . . . Her six-year record includes two years of Junior homemaking, four of earning, three of clothing, two of foods, one each on room improvement and gardening, and two full years of leadership. . . . She will compete with other state winners for one of six \$200 scholarships provided by Montgomery Ward, donor also of her trip. The contest, held for the nineteenth year, is conducted in cooperation with the extension service to train 4-H girls in homemaking.

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"You responded as we knew you would — realizing that personal interests must be subordinated to the common good.

"We are sorry that this restriction was necessary — and truly grateful for your co-operation. Thank you. It helped a lot. We'll try, in turn, to give you the finest service possible under the existing conditions in the coming year."

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The local Northfield committee will co-operate fully and give general support in all cases in this immediate vicinity.

Since the closing of the recent campaign for the Salvation army in Northfield, Treasurer Hoehn reports that already a couple of destitution cases have been called to his attention and been assisted.



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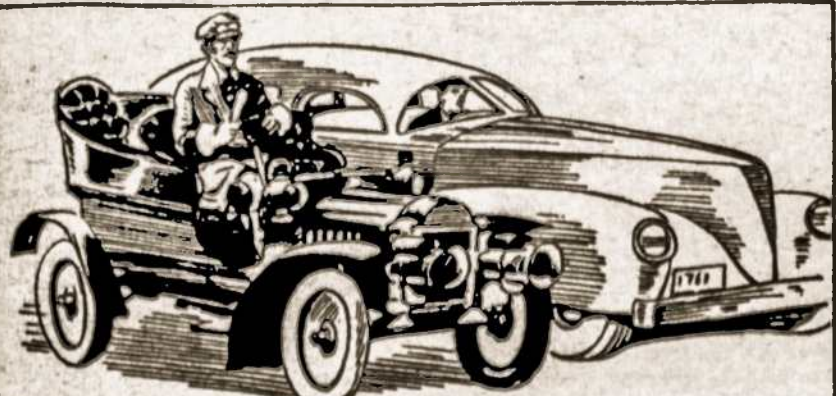
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TOWN TOPICS

Miss Alice Jack of New York, is visiting at the home of her parents, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Robert Bonner Jack this holiday season.

Dorothy Potter daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Potter of Auburn has announced her engagement to Martin Harris of Chihuahua, Mexico. She is a graduate of Northfield Seminary.

Miss Euphrasia Purrington our district nurse attended the meeting of the county Health club in Greenfield Thursday evening of last week.

Grove Deming Jr., of Camp Edwards was a visitor at the home of his father at Mount Hermon last week.

Monday was the shortest day of the year and the beginning of winter. With its gloominess, low hanging clouds and the temperatures close down to zero, we realized it.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Wood of San Gabriel, Calif., are visiting his mother Mrs. Nellie P. Wood at her home on Main street. They made the trip across the continent by motor and expect next week the arrival of their daughter and husband from Bermuda.

The local Health Council is endeavoring to bring Christmas cheer wherever needed and recently supervised the entertain of some twenty youngsters by students of the Seminary.

Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Dean have returned from a pleasant vacation spent in Florida. The doctor resumes his work immediately.

The bowling team in its game with the Boston and Maine team Tuesday evening failed by one point to attain first place. Keep up your courage boys.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Frary of Highland Ave., will join with Mrs. B. F. Whittle of Marblehead in a Christmas holiday at Harwich.

Among the many local boys who have returned to their homes for the holiday vacation from their college studies are Jack Polhemus, Carlton Finch, James Mattern, Gordon Carr, Ernest Bolton.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of New York are spending the Christmas days with her mother at the Homestead. Mrs. Arthur W. Packard and sons of Rye, N. Y., are also expected.

The group of young ladies, chaperoned by Mrs. E. M. Powell who went to Camp Devens, Tuesday evening to entertain the soldiers with a party upon invitation of Mrs. Ethel G. Hopkins, the recreation director of the Red Cross hall reported upon their return that they had a most interesting time.

President Roosevelt calls upon the people of the nation to observe New Year's day as a Day of Prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Carr and Gordon Carr will spend the Christmas vacation with Mr. Carr's relatives at Yalckill, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. George McEwan and their daughter Ruth are spending the holiday season in Pittsburg, Pa.

Miss Frances W. Mulford a senior at Wellesley college, whose home is at Dongan Hills, N. Y., and Baman Woodard of Longmeadow, a former student at Mount Hermon who graduated from Bowdoin college last year have announced their engagement.

Miss Doris Miller, student at Fenn college, Cleveland, is spending the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Miller.

Evans Potts of Colby college and Miss Deborah Stillings of No. Andover, whose engagement has been announced are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Potts of Glenwood avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Luman A. Barber of this town have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ruby Virginia, to Walter E. Waide, of Greenfield. He is a chemist at the G. T. D.

Mrs. Hazel Purrington and daughter, Betty Jean and Mrs. Gordon of Highland avenue are spending the holidays in West Virginia. They are visiting Mr. and Mrs. James Carpenter. Mrs. Carpenter is the former Miss Mary Jane Purrington of this town.

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EDITORIAL

CHRISTMAS

Again we celebrate the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem and again, we read the story of the wise men, who having seen His star in the East, come with their wisdom to lay their gifts at His feet. We rejoice in the angelic announcement that unto us a Saviour is born. A world torn and bleeding today with the hatreds of war, turns its face in these dark hours to the message of Peace and Good-will, that only can be found when the world which He came to redeem to God, confesses His authority and will follow Him.

EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

Some time ago, we held a registration in this community for emergency co-operation, and the American Legion committee who was in charge, reported a fine enrollment here. We do not know just what has happened to this effort. Then came the Massachusetts state effort of Civilian Defense which became at cross purposes with the Committee on Public Safety. Then came along the Red Cross with its vast organization and at Washington there had to be a definite understanding of the fields of service. Now as everything seems to be adjusted, and this state has matters well in hand, the question arises: Is dual control, between the state and Federal authorities and leaders, urging that the whole matter be placed in Federal control by army officials. Surely we are in transition in all matters.

FLAVORED TEA

A story comes from Orange that tea served flavored with two ten dollar bills tasted mighty fine, but we would not advise that the recipe be commended. It seems that a resident put the two bills in an empty teapot on the pantry shelf for Christmas use, but the daughter not knowing of it, pulled out the teapot to prepare an afternoon tea for unexpected visitors. All went well, the tea tasted good, but it wasn't discovered until the mother went to get the same to make some Christmas purchases. Well the facts have become known and there was sufficient evidence produced of the greenbacks, so that the bank made a redemption. Of course there is a moral to the story.

Christmas

Could every lisping child be taught
Beside his mother's knee
How lovely are the ways of Peace
And sweet Humanity;
How every frail and helpless thing,
The weak and the oppressed,
Should stir his heart with pitying love,
Wake mercy in his breast;
Could he be taught how sweet the joy,
What rich reward they gain
In faith and love and gratitude
Who minister to pain;
How many Yuletides would earth know
Before all wars would cease,
And men would live in brotherhood
And universal peace.

—Louella C. Poole.

Miss Gladys Rikert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Rikert of this town is at home during the Christmas vacation. Miss Rikert is a Junior at Barnard College, Columbia University, New York City.

Know Massachusetts

by State Planning Board

DO YOU KNOW . . . The number of general relief cases in Massachusetts today is about 29% less and the amount paid out is 36% less than at this time last year. The number of old age assistance cases, however, is about 3% larger than a year ago. . . . Total industrial activity in the Commonwealth for 1941 is expected to be at least 25% greater than that of 1940. . . . When Governor Saltonstall signed the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Compact in September this year, he made Massachusetts the fifth State to put into effect the multi-state compact for the management of mutual natural resources, which marks the beginning of unified action for the preservation and effective management of the great Atlantic shore fisheries. . . . The first American broadcloths were produced at Pitt field in 1793 from fleeces of the merino sheep raised in that area. . . . The first advertisement in an American newspaper appeared May 1-8, 1704, in the Boston News-Letter. . . . The first architectural school of collegiate rank was established in 1865-1866 by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. . . . The teaching of geography was required in 1826 in Massachusetts. This was 10 years before there was a State Board of Education. . . . Changes and substitutions in certain building materials due to the war apparently will require amendment of many of the local building codes.

The Back Yard Gardener

By G. O. Oleson

Have you ever noticed how youngsters have a habit each evening while mother is doing the dishes of raising old Ned? Well, one evening recently I decided that more serious consideration should take place of this rough housing. So I corralled them as best I could and said by way of approach, "Son, it's time you began to take more interest in Christmas than just the fact that a stocking is hung by the chimney with care in hopes that Saint Nicholas soon would be there."

"Who is Saint Nicholas?" says he.

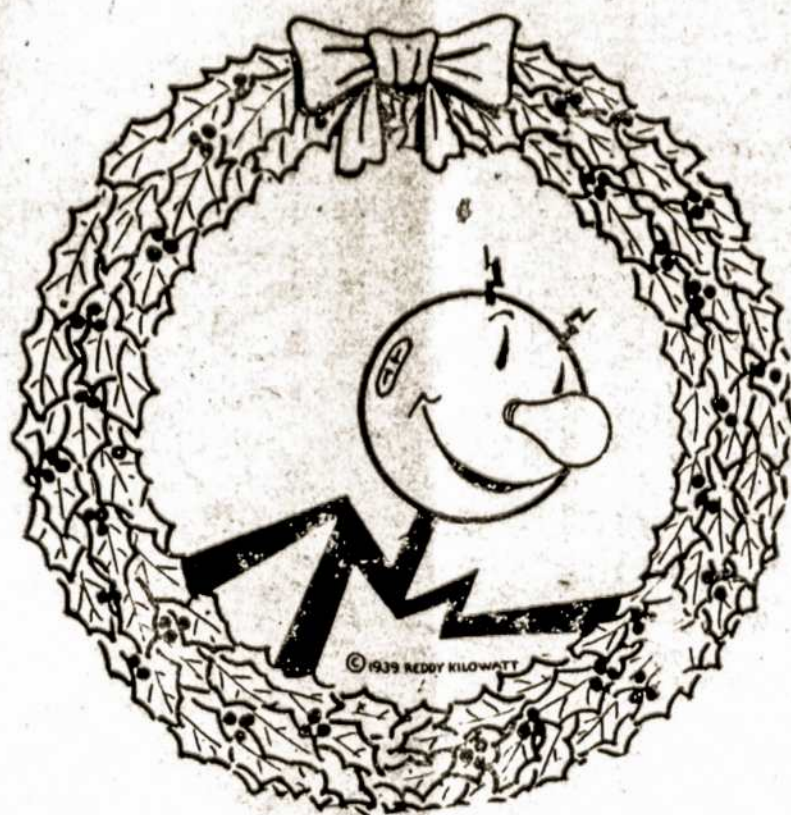
"Saint Nicholas," says I, is the counterpart of Santa Claus."

Jean blinked a bit on the counterpart phrase, but said with a sheepish grin, "Aw, you're our Santa Claus."

Well, with that I decided that after all nothing could make Christmas any happier for me than to be considered Santa Claus by our youngsters, because to them Santa Claus is probably the greatest individual in the world. And after all, isn't the family spirit the spirit that makes Christmas what it is; playing together, giving each other presents, singing together, decorating the tree, wrapping presents—at the same time taking care not to see what the other one has for us. We even help mother prepare tasty bits for Christmas dinner though she says there times when we do more eating than helping.

The youngsters of course have learned through their Sunday school the Biblical story of Christmas. In fact they have learned to sing their Christmas carols better than I can. And on Christmas eve we're planning to spend several hours making the rounds to homes in the village. I furnish the transportation and press the button which starts the songs coming, but they do the singing.

Thinking that they might get a little more out of Christmas I tried to tell them some of the traditions which go with our Christmas season. I told them how the fir tree, standing straight and tall, had been chosen by the early Christian teachers as a symbol of all that's good. I told them how in ancient times many countries carried on celebrations at this season, due in all probability to the fact that this season of the year marks the turning point in the year—the period when days begin to grow longer and the sun warmer and brighter. I told them how Martin Luther



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BY TOPPS



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